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SECOND MAN IN PORTUGUESE JUNTA, COSTA GOMES, ON DEPARTING
LUANDA LATE MAY 5 ISSUED FOLLOWING APPEAL TO INSURGENT MOVEMENTS:

"LET US LAY DOWN OUR ARMS AND UTILIZE THE NEW POSSIBILITIES
OFFERED BY THE LIBERAL SPIRIT WHICH NOW EXISTS IN PORTUGAL; LET
US ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE FREELY THEIR OWN DESTINY, THEIR
AUTHENTIC SELF-DETERMINATION.

"IF THE SO-CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS REALLY EXPRESS THE
PEOPLE'S WILL, AS THEY CLAIM, LET THEM COME OUT OF HIDING, FROM
THEIR HEADQUARTERS ABROAD, LET THEM LEAVE ASIDE THEIR WEAPONS
AND DEMOCRATICALLY STRUGGLE INSTEAD WITH WORDS, IDEAS, POLITICAL
DOCTRINES, IN LAWFUL PARTISAN ACTIVITY. LET THEM DEMONSTRATE
THAT THEY EFFECTIVELY AND AUTHENTICALLY DO EXPRESS THE WILL OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE OVERSEAS.

"I SHOULD SAY THAT IN MAKING THIS APPEAL I FEEL THERE EXISTS A
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DISQUIETING DOUBT:

"CAN MEN WHO HAVE BECOME PROFESSIONALS IN SUBVERSIVE AGGRESSION
POSSIBLY ACCEPT THE PERSONAL RISK OF SUDDENLY BREAKING THEIR
COMMITTMENT?

"WE HOPE THE DYNAMISM, BRAVERY, AND PERSEVERANCE WHICH SOME HAVE
BROUGHT TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORMER REGIME WILL BE
SUFFICIENT MOTIVATIONS FOR AN ACT OF COURAGE WHICH WOULD BRING
THEM BACK TO US, TO CONTINUE, LAWFULLY AND LEGITIMATELY, THEIR
PARTY STRUGGLE."
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